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Side Wheel packet, steel hull, built in Midland, PA, by Midland Barge Co. (hull) and completed at Cincinnati, 1924. 285' x 45.6' x 7.3'. Compound non-condensing engines by Barnes, 22's, 40's - 9 feet. Double cabin, parlor rooms, baths, separate dining room, steam heat and all the trimmings. She was designed by marine architect Tom Dunbar as a single cabin packet for the Cincinnati-Louisville trade.

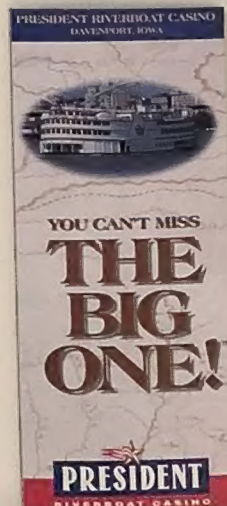
LEFT: CINCINNATI at that city, Circa 1927.

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RIGHT: The PRESIDENT being built on the hull of the CINCINNATI as St. Louis, MO, 1933.

BELOW: The PRESIDENT landing at the levee, Rock Island, IL, Circa 1940. Present location of Jumer's Casino Rock Island.





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RIGHT: The PRESIDENT downbound at lock #18, summer of 1940.



## J.S.

Side wheel excursion wood hull, built in Dubuque, IA, 1896. 264.7' x 42' x 6.8'. Originally named QUINCY. Entirely rebuilt into a "deluxe" excursion boat by Streckfus Steamers, Inc., St. Louis, and so appeared in 1919. She handed the carriage trade at St. Louis until the PRESIDENT came out July 4, 1934. Often tramped on the Upper Mississippi and was well known at all towns to St. Paul. In June, 1934, was up the Ohio River to Parkersburg, WV, and in 1935 to New Martinsville, WV. Capt. Verne Streckfus was master on these Ohio River trips. Dismantled at St. Louis, winter 1938-1939.

LEFT: The J.S. DELUXE with excursion party at the Davenport, IA, levee, 1927.

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RIGHT: The steamer J.S. DELUXE at lock #15 on the second day of operation, August, 1933.

